

Exhibit A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Charlotte Division
Civil Action No. 3:11-cv-00597-FDW-DCK**

**THE FAIRPOINT
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. *ET AL.*
LITIGATION TRUST,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,
NYNEX CORPORATION, VERIZON
NEW ENGLAND, INC., CELLCO
PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON
WIRELESS, AND VERIZON
WIRELESS OF THE EAST LP,**

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF SUSAN L. SOWELL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Susan L. Sowell, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"). I have personal knowledge of the facts I state herein.

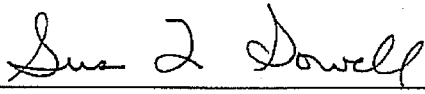
2. I am familiar with the Stipulation Regarding All Remaining Claims Of Verizon Communications Inc. And Its Affiliates ("Stipulation") that FairPoint entered with Verizon on or about March 16, 2012.

3. FairPoint paid a Verizon entity the "Verizon Cash Payment" that is referenced in Paragraph 2 of the Stipulation.

4. FairPoint also delivered to a Verizon entity the Stock Consideration that is referenced in Paragraph 2 of the Stipulation.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated in this Declaration are true and correct.

Executed on September 10, 2012.



Susan L. Sowell